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SUBJECT: CSCE/MBFR LINKAGE

REF: STATE 103068, USNATO 2674

1. EXTAFF OFFICIALS CONFIRMED STRONG GOC POSITION AGAINST AGREEING TO OPENING DATE FOR CSCE PRIOR TO FIRM SOVIET COMMITMENT ON DATE FOR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. AS NOTED REFTEL, GOC IS CONCERNED LEST MIT RECESS WITHOUT SUCH COMMITMENT FROM SOVIETS. OFFICIALS THOUGHT SETTING A DATE WAS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT RESULTS TO BE DERIVED FROM MIT, AND THAT SOVIETS MUST NOT BE PERMITTED TO STALL. EXTAFF IS CONSIDERING INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDEL HELSINKI TO EFFECT THAT DECISION ON CSCE OPENING DATE SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER NATO MINISTERIAL, MAKING CLEAR TO SOVIETS THAT THIS DECISION CONDITIONAL ON MBFR COMMITMENT.

2. EMBOFF REVIEWED ARGUMENTS IN STATE 103068, STRESSING THAT THE U. S. WAS TAKING LEAD IN PRESSING SOVIETS.

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OFFICIALS SAID THAT WHILE SOVIET AGREEMENT TO MBFR HAD
BEEN BILATERALLY WITH U. S. THROUGH DR. KISSINGER,
MBFR WAS MULTILATERAL AND OF CONCERN TO ALL PARTI-
CIPANTS. THEY THOUGHT APPROACH DESCRIBED ABOVE
WOULD VERY QUICKLY " SCARE" SOVIETS INTO AGREEMENT ON
MBFR DATE.
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